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SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
DEVELOPMENT (UNCSTD); 2ND PREPCOM

1. SUMMARY. DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY G-77 ON
PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD CONTAIN OPERATIVES ITEMS ON WHICH
USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.
JAMAICA DEL ON BEHALF OF G-77 INTRODUCED LATE WED 1ST A
DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PREPARATIONS OF UNCSTD. RESOLUTION
CONTAIN LIST OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES INDICATIVE OF AREAS IN
WHICH OBSTACLES ARISE IN DEVELOPMENT, ADAPTATION AND
APPLICATION OF S&T FOR DEVELOPMENT. ACTIONS REQUIRED TO
TACKLE THESE OBSTACLES ARE INDICATED AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL
AND INTERNAIONAL LEVEL. PROPOSED ACTIONS AT INTER-
NATIONAL LEVEL ARE: 1) APPROPRIATENESS OF PROGRAMMES FOR
EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL FROM DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, 2) MIGRATION OF TALENTS
AND SKILLS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, 3) NEED FOR REAL
CONCERN ABOUT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, 4) INTERNATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SCIENCE
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AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT, 5) FINANCIAL RESOURCES, THE
ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND, NATURE
OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, 6) INVESTMENTS IN THE FIELD OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, 7) HUMAN
AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES DEVOTED TO MILITARY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT, 8) STANDARDS AND PRACTICES IN TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGIES, 9) INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY SYSTEMS AND

LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS, AND 10) RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

2. RESOLUTION REQUESTS SYG, REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND OTHER COMPETENT BODIES TO SUBMIT TO 3RD SESSION OF PREPCOM REPORTS CONTAINING ACTION-ORIENTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMOVING ABOVE OBSTACLES. ALSO REQUESTS SUCH ACTION-ORIENTED RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED WITHIN SPHERES OF ACTIVITIES LISTED AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL (BETWEEN LDC'S) AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS: ACTIVITIES AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: 1) ADOPTION OF POLICIES PROMOTING COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO SUPPORTING THEIR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF THEIR OWN. 2) CONTROL OR REGULATION OF RESTRICTIVE OR ILLEGAL PRACTICES BY TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR OPERATIONS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, 3) ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICIES PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO SUPPLIERS OF TECHNOLOGY WHO TRANSFER SUCH TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON EQUITABLE AND JUST TERMS, 4) ESTABLISHMENT AND LAUNCHING OF RESEARCH PROGRAMMES ON PROBLEMS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND 5) ESTABLISHMENT OF A RISK CAPITAL FUND TO FINANCE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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3. DEL HAS INFORMALLY LEARNED FROM MEMBER OF SECRETARIAT THAT MANY LDC'S DISSATISFIED WITH PRESENT RESOLUTION WHICH REFLECTS ESSENTIALLY PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AS VIEWED BY MOST ADVANCED LDC'S. USDEL UNDERSTANDS THAT IN G-77 MEETING MORNING THURS 2, NUMBER OF LDC DELS WILL CHALLENGE PRESENT TEXT AND PROPOSE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. WHILE MISSION OFFICERS PROVIDE DEL WITH GUIDANCE, DEL WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VIEWS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH SOME OF ABOVE ITEMS WHICH SHOULD BE REGARDED AS ALIEN TO OBJECTIVES AND AGENDA OF UNCTAD BECAUSE DEALT WITH BY UNCTAD AND WIPO AND OTHER FORA.

4. MORNING FEB 2, USDEL LEARNED FROM SECRETARIAT MEMBER EINHAUS, THAT SYG DA COSTA HAS TAKEN VERY NEGATIVE VIEW OF G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION AND IS PLANNING ANNOUNCE AT G-77 MEETING SCHEDULED THIS MORNING THAT SECRETARIAT HAS NEITHER CAPABILITY NOR RESOURCES TO PREPARE SUCH REPORT AS REQUESTED PARA 2, AND IN GENERAL PLAY BROAD ROLE ENVISAGED BY G-77 RESOLUTION. SYG APPARENTLY INTENDS TO TELL G-77 THAT RESOLUTION MAKES REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDA-

TIONS ALIEN TO SPIRIT OF CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES AND FINAL,
OBJECTIVES AS ENVISIONED THUS FAR. IN FACT, PREPCOM
HERETOFORE HAD ONLY ENVISAGED PROGRESS REPORT AND A PROGRAM
OF ACTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO NEXT PREPCOM BY SYG BASED ON
ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL PAPERS TO BE SUBMITTED BY COUNTRIES.

5. UK AND EC-9 CONSIDER DRAFT RESOLUTION AS COMPLETELY
UNACCEPTABLE AND HAVE DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING
OF CONTACT GROUP TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO NEGOTIATE
DRAFT WITH G-77. AT THIS STAGE USDEL FEELS WE SHOULD
LET SYG STAY IN FRONT IN OPPOSITION TO G-77 RESOLUTION
AND WOULD GENERALLY DEVELOP CONCERTED ACTION WITH EC-9
GROUP. SORENSON

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